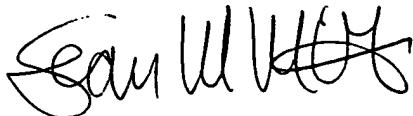


Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to  
Assignee's Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

Respectfully submitted,



Sean M. McGinn  
Registration No.: 34,386

Date: 3/14/01

McGinn & Gibb, PLLC  
8321 Old Courthouse Rd. Suite 200  
Vienna, VA 22182-3817  
(703) 761-4100  
Customer No. 21254